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1. 2009 Membership Fee \$410.00 2. Late Payment Penalty (\$100 for active lawyers, \$30 for inactive lawyers. Attaches Feb. 3) 3. MCLE Non-Compliance Fee (\$75 attaches Feb. 3 to Group 2 — last names H-M) and/or Reinstatement Fee (\$200 for prior non-compliance) 4. Client Security Fund Reimbursement 2142 5. Discipline Costs 6. Mandatory Fee Arbitration Administrative Penalties 90084-7. Past Due and/or Reinstatement Fee 8. Payments/Credits/Adjustments **SUBTOTAL** lines 1-8 9. 410.00 10. Access to Justice. Helps close the justice gap for needy Californians by voluntary donations to legal aid, pursuant to AB 2301. Visit calbar.org/justicegapfund. Recommended donation: \$100 10. 100.00 SUBTOTAL with Recommended Access to Justice Donation 11. 1,760.00 12. If you wish to enter a different amount from line 10 or make no donation, write that amount here. 12. E BAR BOX 2 ANGELE e ₹ SUBTOTAL with different or no Voluntary Access to Justice Donation. 13. 100001 / Sample Add lines 9 and 12 and enter that total here. 14. California Bar Foundation Provides scholarships to worthy law students and grants to law related projects statewide. Visit calbarfoundation.org. Recommended donation: \$50 14. 50.00 15. Conference of Delegates of California Bar Associations (CDCBA) Debates resolutions proposing changes in the law. Visit cdcba.org. Recommended donation: \$35 35.00 16. California Supreme Court Historical Society (CSCHS) Preserves and promotes California's judicial and legal history. Visit cschs.org. Recommended donation: \$25 16. 25.00 Use for Sections Only (lines 19 & 20) 17. Certified Legal Specialist Fee Estate 200.00 18. Current Section Membership Drop Visit calbar.ca.gov/sections. A,B,C,E,F,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P 18. 1050.00  $\circ$ A. Antitrust & Unfair Competition \$75 I. Law Practice, Management & Technology \$75 В  $\circ$ B. Business Law \$75 J. Litigation \$75  $\circ$ C C. Criminal Law \$75 K. Public Law \$75  $\bigcirc$ D \$75 L. Real Property Law \$75 D. Environmental Law 0 E. Family Law \$75 M. Solo Practice & Small Firm \$75 0 \$75 N. Taxation \$75 F. Intellectual Property Law \$75 O. Trusts & Estates \$75 G  $\circ$ G. International Law \$75 H. Labor & Employment Law \$75 P. Workers' Compensation  $\bigcirc$ 19. Add a Section Shade the bubble(s) and add the increased amount 19.1+  $\circ$ \$ 1 ) 20.-Drop a Section Shade the bubble(s) and subtract the reduced amount  $\bigcirc$ Κ 21. Legislative Activity Members who do not want to fund the State Bar's lobbying and  $\circ$ other legislative activity may deduct \$5. (See B&P§6140.05) \$ ( ) 21  $\bigcirc$ M 22. Bar Relations & Elimination of Bias Members who do not want to fund programs that  $\bigcirc$ Ν support voluntary bar associations or address bias in the legal profession may deduct \$5. (See Keller v. State Bar of California (1990) 496 U.S.1) \$ (  $\bigcirc$ 0  $\circ$ ) 22. 23. Fee Scaling Declaration on reverse must accompany payment (active members only). Deadline Ρ 0  $\bigcirc$ ) 23. to scale Feb. 2, 2009 24. TOTAL PAYMENT. Choose line 11 or line 13 as subtotal and add to it lines 14-23. Pay online, with no bank fee, at calbar.ca.gov or make checks payable to the State Bar of California and \$

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Active Membership Fee \$410. To transfer from inactive to active status, submit the required form (calbar.ca.gov/active) by fax or mail. 2009 Active Fee: General Fund, \$315 (B&P §6140); Client Security Fund, (§6140.9); IT Special Assessment, \$10 (§6140.35); and Building Fund, \$10 (\( \)6140.3). The IT assessment will be used to upgrade the information technology system, including purchasing and maintenance costs and both computer hardware and software, Expires Ian, I, 2011.

**Inactive Membership Fee** \$125. For current active members to change status and qualify for the 2009 inactive fee, the required status change form (calbar.ca.gov/inactive) must be completed and postmarked by Feb. 2, 2009. The membership fee for inactive attorneys 70 years or older is waived. 2009 Inactive Fee: General Fund, \$75 (B&P §6141); Client Security Fund, \$10 (\( \) \ (§6140.9); and Building Fund, \$10 (§6140.3).

Multijurisdictional Practice (MIP) Fee \$410. Applies to out-of-state attorneys registered with the State Bar as legal services attorneys or in-house counsel.

- 2. Late Payment Penalty If fees are not paid online or postmarked by Feb. 2, 2009, members will be assessed a penalty on Feb. 3, 2009 (\$100 for active members/\$30 for inactive members).
- 3. MCLE Non-Compliance Fee Members of Group 2 (last names H-M) whose MCLE compliance is not submitted online or postmarked by Feb. 2, 2009, will be assessed a \$75 noncompliance fee on Feb. 3, 2009. Those who fail to comply will be placed on administrative inactive status and assessed a \$200 reinstatement fee.
- 4. Client Security Fund Reimbursement Amount owed to Client Security Fund (Bus. & Prof. Code §6140.5(c)).
- 5. Discipline Costs The cost of disciplinary proceedings against a member awarded to the State Bar (Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10, 6140.7).
- **6. Mandatory Fee Arbitration Administrative Penalties** Members who do not pay an arbitration award may be assessed administrative penalties (Bus. & Prof. Code §6203(d)(3)).
- 7. Past Due and/or Reinstatement Fee Amount from prior year(s). A reinstatement fee of \$100 will be assessed to any member suspended for non-payment.
- 8. Payments/Credits/Adjustments Adjustments from changes in status, overpayments from previous years, or payments made and applied in current year.

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9. SUBTOTAL Lines 1-8. Mandatory fees, must be paid by Feb. 2, 2009.

- 10. Voluntary Access to Justice Donation Contributions will be placed in the Justice Gap Fund for distribution to eligible legal services programs (Bus. & Prof. Code §6033). Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law. Visit calbar.org/justicegapfund. Members may contribute more or less than the recommended donation or elect to make no donation. If you wish to contribute an amount different from the recommended \$100, enter that amount on line 12 and see directions below for line 13
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- 13. SUBTOTAL with different or no Voluntary Access to lustice Donation If you entered an amount on line 12. please add lines 9 and 12 and enter the amount of your subtotal.
- 14. California Bar Foundation Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law. Visit calbarfoundation.org.
- 15. Conference of Delegates of California Bar Associations (CDCBA) Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions, but any portion of the contribution not allocated by CDCBA for lobbying expenditures may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense (IRC §162(e)). CDCBA estimates that approximately 50 percent of any contribution will be spent on lobbying. Visit cdcba.org.
- 16. California Supreme Court Historical Society (CSCHS) Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law. Visit cschs.org.
- 17. Certified Legal Specialist Fee Applies to members holding a certificate of specialization. \$200 per specialty. To resign from the program, submit the Certified Specialist Resignation Form, found at californiaspecialist.org/forms. Fees paid after Feb. 2 will be assessed a \$50 penalty.
- 18. Current Section Membership For information on sections, visit calbar.ca.gov/sections.
- 19-20. Renew Section Membership Add or drop a section.
- 21. Legislative Activity Members who do not want to fund lobbying and other legislative activity may deduct \$5 (Bus. & Prof. Code §6140.05).
- 22. Bar Relations & Elimination of Bias Members who do not want to fund activities with voluntary bar associations or programs that address concerns of access and bias in the legal profession and the justice system may deduct \$5 (Keller v. State Bar of California (1990) 496 U.S.I).
- 23. Scaling Active members with qualifying income only. See Fee Scaling Criteria and Scaling Declaration (right). If eligible, deduct \$102.50. If the State Bar determines you are ineligible, you will be responsible for the full fee and any applicable late payment penalty.
- 24. TOTAL PAYMENT Choose line 11 or line 13 as subtotal and add to it lines 14-23 (U.S. dollars only).

### **OVERPAYMENT/UNDERPAYMENT**

Overpayment If a member pays too much, the bar may either return the overpayment or contact the member to determine its allocation

**Underpayment** Payments received will be used to first satisfy the annual membership fees, costs and penalties, regardless of any other optional designations made, such as section membership or donations.

outside entities that offer programs, services, benefits and other information to members. Members may choose to remove their names and addresses from these lists. Those opting out will not receive information about special programs, services and benefits. The State Bar will continue to maintain certain membership information as public record, and opting out will not affect the use of such information for regulatory purposes.

Members may opt out (I) on the Web — go to My State Bar Profile>Account Information>Update My Mailing Preferences (opt out); (2) by e-mailing a request to memrec@calbar.ca.gov (include your bar number); or (3) by calling 1-888-800-3400 to receive a form that can be returned by fax or mail.

# FEE SCALING CRITERIA

An active member who can demonstrate total gross annual individual income from all sources of less than \$40,000 presumptively qualifies for a waiver of 25 percent of the annual membership fee.

2009, and after.

refer to the State Bar's Web site at calbar.ca.gov.

Under Bus. & Prof. Code §6002.1, members have 30 days to notify the State Bar about a change of address. Complete information about changing an address can be found at calbar.ca.gov/addresschange. The change can be made online, by mail or by fax, and if done by mail or fax, must include a photocopy of one piece of identification, such as a driver's license, State Bar membership card, passport, California identification card, military identification card or birth certificate.

## **OPT OUT**

The State Bar may provide members' names and addresses to

In general, gross annual income is based on the **total income** (not adjusted gross income) as listed on your federal income tax form. For 2009, gross annual income should be based on your earnings for 2008. For joint return filers, exclude wages and salary earned by your spouse. For other income jointly earned (i.e., interest, dividends, business income, rents and royalties), include 50 percent of joint earnings in the calculation of individual gross income.

Members who scale may be audited and required to submit recent tax returns or other proof of eligibility. Members found to be ineligible must pay full fees and applicable late payment penalty.

Scaling does not apply to new admittees admitted on June 1,

For additional information regarding the fee scaling criteria, **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** 

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